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REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12, 14-17, and 20-32 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 27 and 32 have been amended as shown at pages 2-9; and claims 11, 13, 18, 19, 33 and 34 have been cancelled. Applicants' representative appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgement that claims 28-31 are allowed, claims 12-14 and 19-21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of respective base claim(s) and any intervening claim(s), and claim 16 would be allowable if the indefiniteness issue is resolved. Accordingly, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable limitations of claim 13 and intervening claim 11 and has also been amended to address the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection. Independent claims 15, 17, 27 and 32 have been amended to include the allowable limitations of claim 12 and intervening claim 11. Independent claims 15, 16 and 32, and claim 5 have been amended to resolve any indefiniteness issues; and claims 3, 4 and 9 have been amended to address the objections to these claims. In view of at least the foregoing, it is submitted that the various claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101, §112, and §103 are moot and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested - the application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP245US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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